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Leipzig Motor Vehicle Repair Shops.

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1. On 24 November 1950 trucks [redacted] bus [redacted] 50X1-HUM
and passenger car [redacted] were seen in the yard of the former Buessing Plant
at the intersection of Schumannstrasse and Linkelstrasse in Leipzig (N 52/E 21).
Two other trucks [redacted] were being worked on [redacted] 50X1-HUM
2. Soviet Technical Office No 4 [redacted] and allegedly a designing office, 50X1-HUM
was located in the former Pittler Plant in Leipzig-Wahren, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
3. From 16 to 20 November 1950 [redacted] Soviet Army tank trucks were
being repaired and manufactured at the former Ebersbaeher Car Body Plant in
Leipzig-Plagwitz, about 800 meters east-southeast of the Plagwitz railroad 50X1-HUM
station. Fuel tanks with a capacity of 3,500 liters were fitted on Studebaker
chassis. About 140 tank trucks ready for shipment were parked in Markranstaedter-
strasse, which was blocked and guarded by factory police from July to mid-November
1950. (4) Both doors of all tank cars were marked by Soviet insignia.
4. About 120 three-axle tank trucks with 10 tires were seen [redacted] on
21 November 1950 in front of the IFA Firm (Manufacture of chassis and mufflers;
formerly Ebersbaeher Machine Factory) on Markranstaedterstrasse and Wachsmuth-
strasse in Leipzig-Plagwitz. The trucks appeared to be reconditioned or modi-
fied. The mounted tanks were new and had an estimated capacity of 3,500
liters. (4) From 15 to 20 two-axle tank truck trailers with eight wheels were 50X1-HUM
also seen. All the vehicles were painted olive drab [redacted]

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The vehicles were guarded day and night by German factory police.

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5. On 21 November a number of officers and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived on the factory premises to pick up 12 to 15 tank trucks [redacted]

Magdeburg Motor Vehicle Repair Shop.

6. On 10 February 1950, from 100 to 120 motor vehicles and about 35 field kitchen [redacted] were seen in the area of the former ranzer Kaserne on Herrenkrugstrasse in Magdeburg (N 53/Y 60). The area is used by a motor vehicle repair shop. Six garages, each of them 40 to 60 meters long, were under construction there. The area was guarded by two sentry posts of two men each, who wore red epaulets.

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7. On 12 November 1950 trucks arriving at the VML on Blankenburgerstrasse in Magdeburg to be fitted with transformers [redacted]

[redacted] Radio equipment which had a telescopic antenna was installed in trailers. [redacted]

8. On 2 December 1950 special trucks being fitted with generators at the RFT Firm in Magdeburg [redacted]

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Schoenebeck Motor Vehicle Repair Shop.

9. During the period from 21 November to 3 December 1950 it was ascertained that 13 special trucks were being fitted with Diesel engines for power units, and with side racks for small arms at the SAG Transmasch plant in Schoenebeck (N 53/D 70).

[redacted] The chassis of the vehicles were manufactured by the Karosserie Werk Halle Saale (car body plant).

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10. On 13 December 1950 [redacted] the Soviet motor vehicle repair shop in Schoenebeck was being transferred. The equipment and machinery were being loaded on trucks bound for an unknown destination. The workers employed at the installation were being discharged except for a detail engaged in cleaning up. (5)

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Strausberg Ordnance Repair Shop.

11. In mid-November 1950 [redacted] a 30-ton ramp was being constructed by the side of the spur track of the ordnance repair shop in Strausberg (N 53/V 15). The ramp was called tank ramp. A new mobile 2,000 kg crane was seen in the workshop where the guns were repaired. [redacted]

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Wurzen Motor Vehicle Repair Shop.

12. On 22 November 1950, 505 trucks, including about 100 of U.S. origin, were seen in the area of the Soviet motor vehicle repair shop in Wurzen (N 52/E 42). [redacted] The entire area of the installation was guarded by police. (7)

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Zeesen Motor Vehicle Repair Shop.

13. On 6 November 1950 [redacted] the November 1950 production target for the motor vehicle repair shop [redacted] in Zeesen (N 53/V 02) was fixed at 150 Chevrolet and 20 ZIS trucks in addition to 20 tank trucks. The monthly production target was already exceeded by 12 tank trucks on 18 November. (8)

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[redacted] Captain Mozarov (fnu) was to be replaced on 10 December 1950. (9) Mozarov was attempting to raise the output of the installation to 20 vehicles daily. This rate of production would be possible if the spraying of the repaired vehicles could be accelerated.

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Trucks [redacted] were water trucks which came directly from their units in a more or less damaged condition. By order of the plant management these vehicles were repaired immediately, which was rather unusual since the motor vehicles were usually repaired in the order of their arrival at the plant.

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15. On the days [] below the following numbers of trucks left the installation: 50X1-HUM
 On 8 November, 40 trucks without numbers were loaded on railroad cars, which were labeled with papers lettered "Empty from Tempelhof to Koenigswusterhausen" and "To Oranienburg". The train did not leave before 11 November.
 On 13 November, 20 trucks and six tank trucks. The detachment picking up these vehicles arrived on truck [] 50X1-HUM
 On 14 November, 20 trucks. 50X1-HUM
 On 15 November, 20 trucks and 10 tank trucks. The detachment picking up these vehicles arrived on truck [] 50X1-HUM
 On 16 November, 20 trucks and three repair trucks. The detachment picking up these vehicles arrived by truck [] 50X1-HUM
 On 17 November, 20 trucks. []
 On 18 November, 20 trucks and 11 tank trucks. []
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 On 20 November, truck [] picked up gears and steering systems.
 On 24 November, 10 trucks and six repair trucks [] were picked up 50X1-HUM
 by a detachment wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
 On 1 December, repair truck [] 50X1-HUM
16. During the period from 13 to 18 November Soviet mechanics were stationed at the installation and engaged in making 120 trucks ready for use. The rear axles of all these trucks were fitted with dual wheels. The soldiers lived in trailers [] 50X1-HUM
 On 19 November, 40 of these trucks and trailer [] were loaded on railroad cars in Koenigswusterhausen. On 23 November a trailer occupied by soldiers arrived at the repair shop. They installed batteries and dual tires on a number of trucks. By 28 November, 60 trucks were finished and then shipped out of the installation. By 1 December, 20 more trucks were received by this detachment.
17. On 29 November two new trucks with lift cranes arrived at the repair shop. The cranes were used for hoisting the bodies, manufactured at the carpenter shop, onto the chassis. [] 50X1-HUM
 [] On the same day six new jeeps, which came from Schoeneweide, were 50X1-HUM
 unloaded at the new loading ramp of the plant. [] 50X1-HUM
 [] the jeeps were manufactured in Schoeneweide. 50X1-HUM
18. In late November, the electric shop of the installation was subdivided into a main department and a new department. The construction work on the spur track and the loading ramp were completed in late November. All the vehicles repaired at the installation were loaded at this ramp. [] 50X1-HUM

Comments.

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(4) [redacted] The plant is believed to be connected with the motor vehicle repair shop located in the former Buessing Plant in Leipzig. For location of plant, see Annex.

(5) This statement is believed to refer to the Soviet motor vehicle repair shop located in the Salzmen town sector. [redacted]

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(7) This statement is believed to refer to the motor vehicle repair shop located on Lueptitzerstrasse, which is known to be a branch plant of the 54th Central Repair Shop. It specializes in the manufacture of chassis. In September 1950 damaged cars were shipped from the U.S.S.R. to this installation. [redacted]

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(8) [redacted] the large branch plant of the 53d Central Repair Shop, [redacted] is located in the area of the radio station south of Koenigswusterhausen.

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(9) A Captain Masarov, or Major Mezerov [redacted] is believed [redacted] commands the installation.

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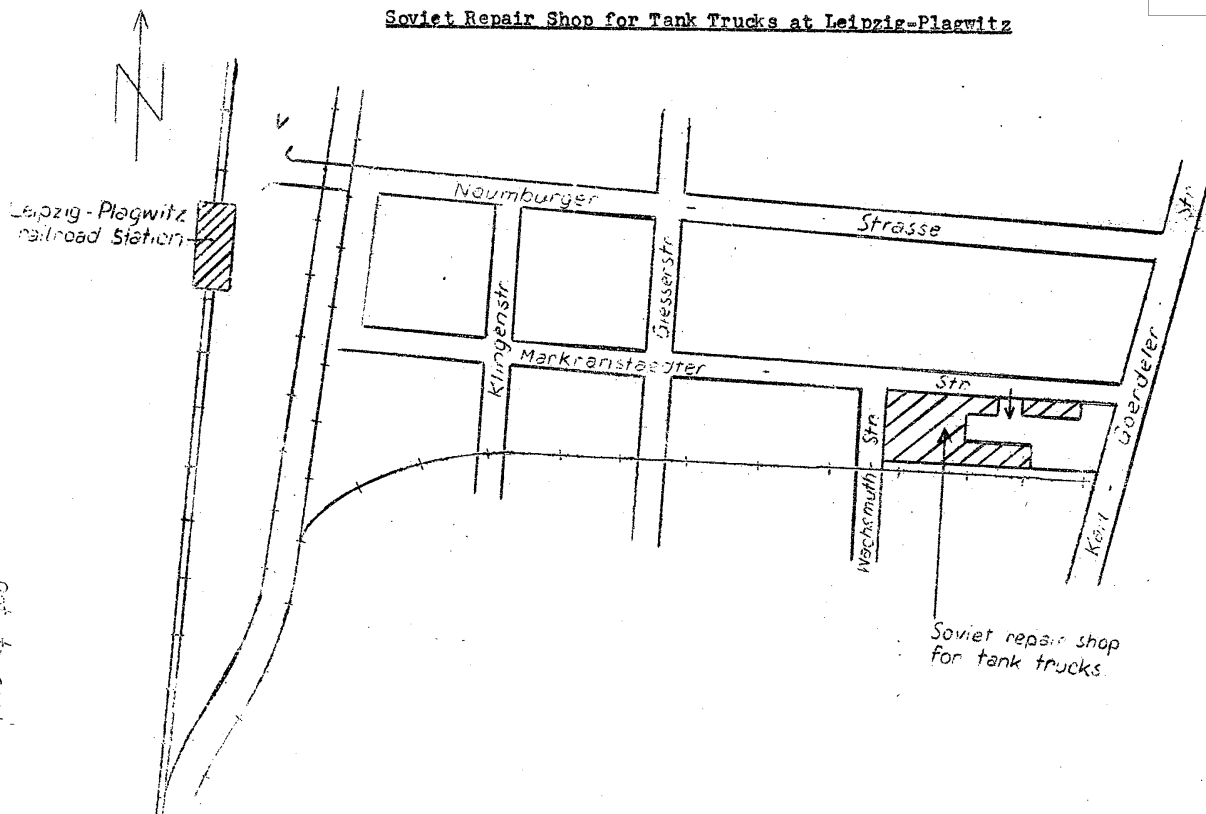
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1 Annex: Sketch.

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Soviet Repair Shop for Tank Trucks at Leipzig-Plagwitz



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